



Cumberland County Board of Commissioners

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Cumberland County Issues Declaration of Disaster Emergency

Cumberland County Government Buildings Will Be Closed Monday, Jan. 26

Carlisle, PA - The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners today signed a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in advance of the impending winter storm.

As a result, the Cumberland County Courthouse and all county facilities will be closed to the public on Monday, Jan. 26. Facilities will remain open to essential personnel only.

During this time, the Board of Commissioners will continue to develop and implement additional mitigation measures to ensure the continuity of Cumberland County government operations.

This declaration authorizes Cumberland County to take all appropriate actions needed to effectively mitigate and respond to the current situation. It also allows county officials to purchase needed supplies, employ temporary workers and enter into contracts and agreements with vendors without the “time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law.”

The Cumberland County Department of Public Safety’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated on Saturday and emergency personnel will continue to monitor the situation.

Editors' Note: Declaration of Disaster Emergency below:



Cumberland County Board of Commissioners

Declaration of Disaster Emergency

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2026, a severe winter storm threatens to cause injury, damage, and/or suffering to persons and property within Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, the impending winter storm may endanger the health, safety, and welfare of a substantial number of Cumberland County residents and may create conditions beyond the capacity of Cumberland County to adequately address through ordinary means; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are necessary to reduce the severity of the storm's impact and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents of Cumberland County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Commissioners of Cumberland County, pursuant to Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S.A. § 1701 et seq., hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Cumberland County; and

FURTHER, we direct the Cumberland County Department of Public Safety to coordinate all emergency response activities; to take all appropriate actions necessary to alleviate the effects of this disaster; to assist in the restoration of essential public services; and to undertake any other emergency response actions deemed necessary to address this disaster emergency; and

FURTHER, the Chief Clerk/Chief Operating Officer is hereby authorized and directed to take all appropriate actions necessary to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to maintain essential public services, and to undertake any other actions deemed necessary to respond to this disaster emergency, with such actions having the same force and effect as if ordered by the Board of Commissioners; and

FURTHER, this Declaration of Disaster Emergency shall remain in effect until terminated by subsequent action of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners; and

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of Cumberland County to take such actions as may be necessary to meet the current and anticipated needs of this emergency, including the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, and the execution of contracts and agreements for the performance of public work, all without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities otherwise required by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately.

Cumberland County Board of Commissioners:


Kelly Neiderer, Chairman


Jean Foschi, Vice Chair

Attest:


Stacy Snyder, COO/Chief Clerk


Gary Eichelberger, Secretary

